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STATEMENT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF HADDAM,

INCLUDING THE

ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN,

From Oct. 6, 1873, to Oct. 5, 1874.

THE REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER, &c.

Arranged and Published by the Selectmen in pursuance of a
Resolution, passed Oct. 3th, 1874.

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1874.

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REPORT

OF THE

ROAD ACCOUNT, TOWN OF HADDAM,

From October, 1873, to October, 1874.

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|----------------------|-------|---|---|---|---------|
| Henry M. Brainerd's | Bill, | . | . | . | \$47.25 |
| Henry B. Arnold's | " | . | . | . | 9.50 |
| George W. Arnold's | " | . | . | . | 70.25 |
| Oliver P. Smith's | " | . | . | . | 8.50 |
| Isaac Arnold's | " | . | . | . | 195.93 |
| Hubbard Ventre's | " | . | . | . | 20.00 |
| Horace Arnold's | " | . | . | . | 34.00 |
| David O. Dickenson's | " | . | . | . | 19.50 |
| Russell Bailey's | " | . | . | . | 103.00 |
| Asa Shailer's | " | . | . | . | 62.50 |
| Samuel C. Shailer's | " | . | . | . | 7.00 |
| Alpheus W. Tyler's | " | . | . | . | 75.00 |
| Dudley Clark's | " | . | . | . | 36.00 |
| Chauncey S. Tyler's | " | . | . | . | 15.00 |
| Ephraim Pierson's | " | . | . | . | 29.00 |
| David H. Walkley's | " | . | . | . | 8.50 |
| Henry W. White's | " | . | . | . | 3.00 |
| Chauncey Dickenson's | " | . | . | . | 55.50 |
| Jonathan W. Clark's | " | . | . | . | 54.50 |
| Henry S. Clark's | " | . | . | . | 11.50 |
| Avelin S. Hubbard's | " | . | . | . | 14.00 |
| Stephen D. Burr's | " | . | . | . | 35.50 |
| Edward Burr's | " | . | . | . | 60.50 |
| Alva W. Spencer's | " | . | . | . | 97.00 |
| Epaphro D. Hubbard's | " | . | . | . | 22.00 |
| Willard Knowles' | " | . | . | . | 7.00 |
| Ansel C. Freeman's | " | . | . | . | 15.00 |
| Albert O. Reed's | " | . | . | . | 30.00 |
| Warren Taylor's | " | . | . | . | 23.00 |
| George S. Brainerd's | " | . | . | . | 12.00 |
| Elisha F. Lester's | " | . | . | . | 76.50 |
| Giles Thayer's | " | . | . | . | 32.50 |
| William F. Bailey's | " | . | . | . | 73.50 |
| Hiram S. Hubbard's | " | . | . | . | 29.00 |

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|-------------------------|-------|---|---|---|---------|
| Ansel Spencer's | Bill, | . | . | . | \$71.50 |
| Whitney Scovil's | " | . | . | . | 28.00 |
| Edwin Harvey's | " | . | . | . | 17.00 |
| Jesse Spencer's | " | . | . | . | 18.00 |
| Wilber F. Smith's | " | . | . | . | 8.75 |
| Collins R. Chamberlin's | " | . | . | . | 25.00 |
| Edward Spencer's | " | . | . | . | 12.50 |
| David T. Bailey's | " | . | . | . | 20.00 |
| Theodore Hubbard's | " | . | . | . | 33.00 |
| Jonathan P. Spencer's | " | . | . | . | 15.00 |
| Cyrus A. Hubbard's | " | . | . | . | 4.50 |
| Henry E. Burr's | " | . | . | . | 20.25 |
| Philander Burr's | " | . | . | . | 54.75 |
| Stephen H. Burr's | " | . | . | . | 19.25 |
| Shailer Burr's | " | . | . | . | 15.00 |
| Benjamin B. Burr's | " | . | . | . | 23.50 |
| Noah P. Wilcox's | " | . | . | . | 7.50 |
| William N. Gladwin's | " | . | . | . | 34.50 |
| Charles S. Wilcox's | " | . | . | . | 28.00 |
| Henry Rose's | " | . | . | . | 14.00 |
| Samuel Huntington's | " | . | . | . | 13.50 |
| Osbert Arnold's | " | . | . | . | 12.00 |
| Gilbert Clark's | " | . | . | . | 18.25 |
| Benajah M. Clark's | " | . | . | . | 34.50 |
| William F. Brainerd's | " | . | . | . | 32.00 |
| David Brainerd's | " | . | . | . | 13.75 |
| Warren S. Williams' | " | . | . | . | 52.75 |
| Francis Arnold's | " | . | . | . | 10.50 |
| Lyman B. Arnold's | " | . | . | . | 30.00 |
| Henry M. Selden's | " | . | . | . | 21.25 |
| Martin Chapman's | " | . | . | . | 73.50 |
| Washington K. Smith's | " | . | . | . | 14.00 |

 \$2,188.93

Road expenses in miscellaneous account, . . . 157.50

 Whole expense of roads, . . . \$2,346.43

COST OF REPAIRS OF ROADS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|---|---|---|----------|
| District No. | 1, | . | . | . | . | \$236 38 |
| " | " | 2, | . | . | . | 212.50 |
| " | " | 3, | . | . | . | 157.25 |
| " | " | 4, | . | . | . | 170.55 |
| " | " | 5, | . | . | . | 122.20 |

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|--------------|----|-----|---|---|---|---|------------|
| District No. | 6, | . | . | . | . | . | \$186.50 |
| " | " | 7, | . | . | . | . | 155.50 |
| " | " | 8, | . | . | . | . | 67.00 |
| " | " | 9, | . | . | . | . | 126.00 |
| " | " | 10, | . | . | . | . | 123.90 |
| " | " | 11, | . | . | . | . | 138.05 |
| " | " | 12, | . | . | . | . | 186.00 |
| " | " | 13, | . | . | . | . | 132.50 |
| " | " | 14, | . | . | . | . | 332.00 |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | | \$2,346.43 |

PAYMENT OF INTEREST.

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Interest, | Middletown Savings Bank, bal. due on note, | \$6.32 |
| " | Middletown Savings Bank, due on note | |
| | \$2,000, October 1st, 1873, . | 70.00 |
| " | Mt. Savings Bank, due on note \$2,000, | |
| | April 1st, 1874, . | 70.00 |
| " | Mt. Savings Bank, due on note \$2,000, | |
| | Oct. 1st, 1874, . | 70.00 |
| " | Town Bonds, coupons due April 1st, 1874, | 1200.00 |
| " | " " " Oct. 1st, 1874, | 1200.00 |
| " | " " " Oct. 1st, 1870, | 660.00 |
| " | On outstanding orders as per bill on | |
| | file, . | 156.66 |
| " | Treasurer of School Fund, . | 3.67 |
| " | Treasurer of School Fund, . | 5.76 |
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Whole amount of interest paid, . \$3,442.41

SUPPORT OF POOR.

| | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid | Zechariah Brainerd for care of Town Poor one year, | \$600.50 |
| " | Zechariah Brainerd for keeping 92 tramps over | |
| | night, . | 28.10 |
| " | for support of Mary J. Tripp, at Insane Hospital, | 40.00 |
| " | for coal, Stephen Kingsland's family, . | 5.00 |
| " | for coffin, Seth Whetmore, . | 14.00 |
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| Total cost of Poor, | . | \$687.60 |

TAXES PAID.

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Paid | State tax, . | \$771.71 |
| " | Commutation tax, . | 224.00 |
| " | County tax, . | 154.35 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total taxes paid, . | . | \$1,150.06 |

EXPENSE OF SCHOOLS TO THE TOWN.

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paid School Fund Treasurer, | \$1,553.85 |
| “ S. W. Shailer, Acting School Visitor, | 100.00 |
| “ Geo. A. Freeman, balance due as Acting School Visitor, from Oct., 1872, to Oct., 1873, | 50.00 |
| “ Haddam’s proportional part of expense, Leesville School, | 62.76 |
| Total cost of Schools to the town, | <u>\$1,766.61</u> |

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

| | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Abatements of taxes, | \$174.18 |
| Sign-post, | 4.00 |
| Expenses Town Hall, | 5.15 |
| Stationery, &c., | 8.58 |
| Damage to sheep by dogs, | 62.00 |
| Total Miscellaneous account, | <u>\$253.91</u> |

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.**ASSESSORS.**

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Ansel Spencer, | \$68.00 |
| Henry M. Brainerd, | 24.00 |
| Jabish B. Clark, | 10.00 |
| | <u>\$102.00</u> |

BOARD OF RELIEF.

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Charles A. T. Dickenson, | 10.00 |
| Asa Shailer, | 7.00 |
| Luther Arnold, | 7.00 |
| | <u>24.00</u> |

TOWN CLERK AND REGISTRAR.

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| J. H. Russell, for Abstract, Rate Bill, Record- ing, and time spent with Selectmen, | 40.00 |
| Registrar’s Bill, Births, Deaths and Marriages, | 32.95 |

TOWN TREASURER.

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Russell Shailer, | 50.00 |
|----------------------------|-------|

SCHOOL FUND TREASURER.

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|------------------|------|
| Russell Shailer, | 5.00 |
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TREASURER TOWN DEPOSIT FUND.

| | |
|---------------|-------|
| Isaac Arnold, | 15.00 |
|---------------|-------|

SELECTMEN.

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Ephraim P. Arnold, | 75.00 |
| Giles Thayer, | 25.00 |
| Washington K. Smith, | 25.00 |
| Stephen H. Burr, | 25.00 |
| | <hr/> 150.00 |

TAX COLLECTOR.

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Ephraim P. Arnold, | 437.99 |
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[Collector has 3 per cent. for collecting, but gives the tax-payer 2 per cent. for paying his tax before the 20th of Sept.—1 per cent. before Oct. 1st—consequently the Collector nets about half the above amount.]

ELECTION EXPENSES.

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| First District, Registrars, Chairman, Box-tenders, &c., | \$58.54 |
| Second District, Registrars, Box-tenders, Checkers, &c., | 43.56 |
| Third District, Registrars, Box-tenders, Chairman and Checker, | 46.56 |
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| Whole expense for year, | \$148.66 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Paid for Roads, | \$2,346.43 |
| " Interest, | 3,442.41 |
| " Poor, | 687.60 |
| " Taxes, | 1,150.06 |
| " Schools, | 1,766.61 |
| " Miscellaneous, | 253.91 |
| " Town Officers, | 923.44 |
| " Election Expenses, | 148.66 |
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| Whole amount, | \$10,719.12 |

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT,

As Reported at Town Meeting, Oct. 5th, 1874.

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Middletown Savings Bank, Interest, | \$6.32 |
| " Middletown Savings Bank, Interest, | 70.00 |
| " Daniel Scovil, Wharfage, | 15.00 |
| " H. H. Brainerd, for Timber, | 10.00 |
| " Osbert Arnold, new Sluice, | 10.00 |
| " Z. Brainerd, Poor, | 287.50 |
| " C. Brooks, Entertaining Civil Authority, | 50.00 |
| " Geo. A. Freeman, bal. due as School Visitor, 1873, . | 50.00 |
| " E. P. Arnold, Collector, | 437.99 |
| " Dr. S. B. Bailey, reporting Births and Deaths, . . | 9.00 |
| " Dr. A. B. Worthington, reporting Births, &c., . . | 1.75 |
| " Dr. M. C. Hazen, reporting Births and Deaths, . . | 7.25 |
| " Dr. R. W. Matherson, reporting one Birth, | .25 |
| " Dr. S. W. Turner, reporting Births and Deaths, . . | 1.05 |
| " J. H. Russell, Registrar, | 13.65 |
| " Stephen H. Burr, new Sluice, | 4.00 |
| " E. P. Arnold, Abatements, | 58.67 |
| " M. P. Gillett, Box-tender, | 2.00 |
| " County Tax, | 154.35 |
| " Books for Registrars, | 4.60 |
| " Repairs on Town Hall, | 5.15 |
| " Commutation Tax, | 224.00 |
| " State Tax, | 771.71 |
| " George L. Dickenson, for Coal, | 5.00 |
| " E. P. Arnold, Collector, Abatements, levy 1872, . | 115.51 |
| " Middletown National Bank, Interest on Bonds, | |
| Apr. 1st, 1874, | 1,200.00 |
| " Treasurer School Fund, | 1,553.85 |
| " Middletown National Bank, Interest on Bonds, | |
| due Oct. 1st, 1870, | 660.00 |
| " Middletown Savings Bank, Interest due Apr. 1, 1874, | 70.00 |
| " Insane Hospital, for Mary J. Tripp's Board, . . . | 20.00 |
| " Z. Brainerd, keeping 92 tramps over night, . . . | 28.10 |
| " Insane Hospital, for Mary J. Tripp's Board from | |
| April 1st to May 12th, 1874, | 20.00 |
| " Z. Brainerd, Coffin for Seth Whetmore, | 14.00 |
| " Z. Brainerd, keeping Poor to date, June 1st, 1874, | 313.00 |

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| Paid Ansel Spencer, Assessor, | \$68.00 |
| " H. M. Brainerd, Assessor, | 24.00 |
| " Jabish B. Clark, Assessor, | 10.00 |
| " C. A. T. Dickenson, Board of Relief, | 10.00 |
| " Asa Shailer, Board of Relief, | 7.00 |
| " Luther Arnold, Board of Relief, | 7.00 |
| " J. H. Russell, Town Clerk, | 40.00 |
| " Russell Shailer, School Fund and Town Treasurer, | 55.00 |
| " Bazaleel Shailer, Registrar, | 20.00 |
| " Geo. W. Arnold, Registrar, | 20.00 |
| " Samuel C. Shailer, Box-tender, | 3.00 |
| " Geo. W. Arnold, Moderator and making out returns, Capital question, | 6.00 |
| " George W. Arnold, Moderator and making out the returns, Spring of 1874, | 6.00 |
| " Warren Taylor, Registrar, | 20.00 |
| " G. H. Hubbard, Registrar, | 20.00 |
| " Orrin Freeman, Checker, | 2.00 |
| " Joseph Goff, Registrar, | 15.00 |
| " H. M. Selden, Registrar, | 15.00 |
| " Chauncey Arnold, use of Store, | 5.00 |
| " David O. Dickenson, Road Inspector, | 30.00 |
| " Eliphalet Tibbals, Road Inspector, | 30.00 |
| " Francis A. House, Road Inspector, | 10.00 |
| " Jonathan P. Spencer, new Sluice, | 5.00 |
| " Davis T. Arnold, for Sheep killed by Dogs, | 25.00 |
| " Aaron Dickenson, for Sheep killed by Dogs, | 10.00 |
| " Sylvester D. Brainerd, for Sheep killed by Dogs, | 7.00 |
| " Henry E. Burr, for Sheep killed by Dogs, | 20.00 |
| " H. M. Brainerd, for extra work done on Road, | 12.00 |
| " Isaac Arnold, Treasurer Town Deposit Fund, | 15.00 |
| " S. W. Shailer, Acting School Visitor, | 100.00 |
| " Middletown National Bank, Interest on Bonds, due Oct. 1st, 1874, | 1200.00 |
| " Middletown Savings Bank, Interest, due Oct. 1, 1874, | 70.00 |
| " Giles Thayer, extra work on Roads, leading to Higganum Depot, | 19 00 |
| " J. H. Russell, Checker, | 2.00 |
| " Geo. O. Brooks, Checker, | 2.00 |
| " Benajah M. Clark, Chairman, | 2.00 |
| " W. K. Smith, for Services as Selectman, | 25.00 |
| " Giles Thayer, " " | 25.00 |
| " Stephen H. Burr, " " | 25.00 |
| " E. P. Arnold, " " | 75.00 |
| " C. Brooks, Dinners for Selectmen, | 16.50 |
| " Asa Shailer, new Sluice, | 10.00 |

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| Paid for Sign-post, | \$4.00 |
| " Interest on outstanding orders, as per bills on file, | 156.66 |
| " Martin Chapman, for new Railing near Leesville bridge, | 2.50 |
| " For Stationery, | 8.58 |
| " Ezra F. Brainerd, Box-tender, | 2.00 |
| " Sidney S. Brooks, Box-tender, | 2.00 |
| " Treasurer School Fund, Interest on Note, | 3.67 |
| " Treasurer School Fund, Interest on Note, | 5.76 |
| " Town of E. Haddam, for support of School in Leesville School District, | 62.76 |
| Total, | <u>\$8,530.19</u> |

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER,

For the Year ending Oct. 5th, 1874.

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance remaining in Treasury Oct. 6th, 1873, | . \$1,463.88 |
| Received of D. Scovil, for Timber, | 3.25 |
| “ E. P. Arnold, Col., levy 1872, | 11,659.61 |
| “ A. W. Tyler, Col., levy 1873, | 3,950.00 |
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| Total Receipts, | \$17,076.74 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid by orders of Selectmen, | \$16,182.00 |
| Paid by Justice orders, | 98.63 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Disbursements, | \$16,280.63 |
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| Balance in Treasury Oct. 6th, 1874, | \$796.11 |
| Due on Coll. Receipts, 1873, | 7,629.07 |
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| Bal. in Treasury and Coll. Receipts, Oct. 5th, 1874, | \$8,425.18 |

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN,

October 5th, 1874.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Town Bonds, dated April 1st, 1870, | \$40,000.00 |
| Note at Middletown Savings Bank, dated Mar. 25, 1872, 2,000 00 | |
| Note to First School Society, dated Feb. 9th, 1822, | 96.00 |
| Note to First School Society, dated July 4th, 1856, | 61.16 |
| Outstanding orders, dated Oct. 1st, 1874, | 2,337.05 |

\$44,494.21

Less amount in Treasurer's and Collector's Receipts, 8,425.18

Total indebtedness, Oct. 5th, 1874, . . . \$36,069.03

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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| E. P. ARNOLD, | } <i>Selectmen.</i> |
| GILES THAYER, | |
| W. K. SMITH, | |
| STEPHEN H. BURR, | |

TOWN DEPOSIT FUND.

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Whole amount of said Fund is | \$7,769.21 |
| The amount of Interest is | 466.15 |
| and is paid to the Treasurer of the town of Haddam for the support of Schools. | |

SCHOOL FUND.

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Received from the State, | \$1,170.00 |
| “ the Town, | 1,553.85 |
| “ Town Deposit Fund, | 466.15 |
| “ First School Society, and divided among the Schools on the West side of the River, | 99.66 |
| Total, | <u>\$3,289.66</u> |

GRAND LEVY

OF THE

TOWN OF HADDAM,

October 1st, 1873.

| No. | Value. |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 463 Dwelling Houses, | \$239,505.00 |
| 22,076 Acres of Land, | 254,198.00 |
| 33 Mills, Stores, &c., | 43,325.00 |
| 210 Horses, | 11,620.00 |
| 1,110 Neat Cattle, | 26,896.00 |
| Sheep, &c., | 286.00 |
| 68 Carriages and Wagons, | 2,345.00 |
| Clocks and Watches, | 1,977.00 |
| Musical Instruments, | 5,625.00 |
| Quarries and Fisheries, | 1,000.00 |
| Turnpike Stock, | 1,205.00 |
| Bank, Insurance and Manufacturing Stock, | 155,623.00 |
| Merchandise and Trade, | 6,200.00 |
| Invested in Manufacturing operations, | 10,000.00 |
| Invested in Vessels and Steamboats, | 18,388.00 |
| Money at Interest, | 2,955.00 |
| Money on hand exceeding Fifty Dollars, | 700.00 |
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| | \$781,648.00 |
| Amount of Tax, at 14 mills, | \$10,943.07 |
| “ Poll Tax, | 249.00 |
| “ Commutation Tax, | 262.00 |
| “ Dog Tax, | 125.00 |
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| Whole Tax, | \$11,579.07 |

REPORT

Of the School Visitor of the Town of Haddam
for the Year of 1873 and 1874.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF HADDAM:

Your Committee on Schools respectfully submit the following Report. The Board of School Visitors since the first Monday of October, 1873, has been constituted as follows: Isaac Arnold, Ansel Spencer, George A. Freeman, Orrin Shailer, 2d, Alpheus W. Tyler, Henry H. Clark, John H. Russell, Rev. S. Hine, and S. W. Shailer.

At the annual meeting of the Board, held on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1873, Isaac Arnold was chosen Chairman and S. W. Shailer, Secretary. S. W. Shailer was also chosen Acting School Visitor.

This being our first year of attendance upon the schools of our town, we cannot be expected to report any contrast between this and former years, as regards the general progress of the schools. We think, however, we can report progress throughout the town, not that all the schools have accomplished all that could be desired, or all that ought reasonably to be expected of them, considering the appropriations made for them. The greatest obstacle in the way of success lies chiefly in the selection of teachers. This must of necessity be the work of the several District Committees, under our present system, since the part of the Examining Committee consists only in passing upon the literary qualifications of the candidate presented, and not upon the fitness and adaptability for the position he is to occupy, or at least, unacquaintance with the personal habits and moral character of the candidate, often renders more than this impossible. Too many of the committee-men in the several districts are chosen more on the rotation system, *each in his turn bear his part*, rather than with regard to the interest they shall manifest in selection of teachers, or to their natural discernment in studying

human nature. The inevitable result of this is, as might be expected, that many candidates, possessing good educational qualifications, are in other respects any thing but fitted for their position. Far better would it be for the several districts to put their best men in this position, not only so far as educational interests and morals are concerned, but also pecuniarily, even though such committee-men be yearly salaried for their labors. The right man in the right place, should be the motto, and good schools the general rule, rather than the exception.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

The law in regard to compulsory education has evidently produced a beneficial effect, in compelling the regular attendance in school of many of those heretofore entirely absent. The manufacturers have very generally shown a willingness to co-operate in this effort. One thing more seems very desirable, viz. : that teachers should be provided with cards or certificates to be presented to all scholars likely to endeavor to evade this law, showing that they have regularly attended school the required time, and that without such certificate, no manufacturer should employ them. This would very much aid all those interested, and thanks to Mr. Potter, the State Agent, who is endeavoring to bring about this result.

CHANGE OF TEXT BOOKS.

No change has been made in text books the past year, though many radical changes might, and should be made. Without bearing too hard upon the poorer classes, some change should be made. The Geography now in use, can very evidently be replaced by those of different authors, and of more recent date, embodying many principles not now embraced in those at present used, and on such liberal terms, that even the most fastidious could not complain. The Spellers also at present used, should be replaced by better ones, which can be done at a very trifling expense. We find also that a *uniformity* of text books does not generally prevail. This should certainly be remedied immediately. In Outline Maps, four districts are found entirely destitute, and some others only nominally provided. The State terms are so liberal in this respect, it is to be hoped, ere long, no district can be found willing to be deprived of them. Wherever

uniformity of books prevails, and necessary appurtenances for school instruction are the most liberally provided, we have universally found the best and most advanced schools. We thus publicly express our views, hoping that the friends and patrons of the schools throughout the town, having a deep interest in their welfare, will cheerfully co-operate with the Board in any changes that may be made, and thus all appropriations and expenditures be judiciously made, and the best possible returns be realized for the amount thus advanced annually for the support of our schools.

PARENTAL CO-OPERATION.

We feel that the subject of Parental Co-operation with the Teacher cannot be too strongly urged upon all the parents having children instructed in our schools. No scientist, artisan, mechanic, or even a day laborer, in the most common acceptance of the term, in our employ, would be allowed to pass on day after day, much less month after month, without our most careful attention and rigid exactness, and yet to the great shame of parents be it said, they are intrusting their offspring daily, monthly, and often yearly, to the care or neglect of those who are intrusted in so large a degree with the mental and moral training of the future citizens of our country, for every child is a citizen, in prospective, and endowed with a freeman's rights. Every child should be awakened to the thought that the warfare he is waging, is chiefly with himself, and every parent or guardian should see to it that the teacher is in every respect what the child most needs, and yet from inquiry, and careful examination, not one parent in twenty of those having children in school, has for a single moment looked after those children within the walls of the school-room. Teachers need the encouragement of the parents, and feel this neglect, and nothing more stimulates the child, than to know that others feel interested in his welfare and are daily watching his progress.

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

District No. 1—"Haddam Center."—In this district a Fall Term was maintained under the supervision of Mrs. O. G. Ventres. During this term there was manifested a perceptible lack of good order and discipline, and consequently a want of inter-

est on the scholars' part. Not that all showed no progress, but as a school, there was not that general advancement that was desired. In justice to Mrs. Ventres, perhaps we should say that her health forbade the outlay of sufficient strength to hold the school in good subjection. In this district two departments were sustained during the winter. In the lower department, composed mainly of the scholars from the Fall Term, Miss Leora Dickinson proved herself well adapted to a school of this grade, maintained very good order, awakened a general interest throughout the school, and the scholars showed a very decided respect and love for their teacher. In the higher department Mr. A. E. Palmer was engaged. This was Mr. Palmer's first attempt as teacher. He evinced an ardent desire to become proficient in his service, and to bring to bear upon his scholars' minds such illustrations as should best discipline and instruct them in their several studies. No teacher showed a more theoretical and practical system in instruction, a combination of which is so essential for any teacher's success.

During the summer but one teacher was employed—Miss Mary E. Brainerd. Suffice it to say she fully sustained her well merited reputation as a successful teacher, and those under her instruction have reason to thank her for her effort for their advancement.

District No. 2—"Higganum West."—Miss Mary E. Brainerd was in this school in the Winter Term. Prior to Miss Brainerd's engagement in this school, the school had evidently been carried on under a very poor system of discipline, and being very large in numbers, (seventy-two in winter,) the first of the term was necessarily largely devoted to a very radical change in government. Miss Brainerd proved herself competent to this part of her task, and also in a much greater degree than could reasonably be expected, advanced the school generally in their studies. In the smaller classes especially, composed largely of foreign element, rapid progress was shown; but no teacher can so classify seventy-two scholars of the different grades and ages found in this school as to justly give to all their proper share, and we are glad to learn that the district generally realize this, and have taken steps already for dividing their school into two departments for the future.

During the summer term, Miss Florence A. Smith was employed in this district. Miss Smith as a scholar was in every respect well qualified for the school, but having had no experience in teaching before, the task of disciplining and classifying so large a school proved hard for her, and though progress was plainly manifest, she evidently could not accomplish all she desired to do. She labored hard, but lacking experience, could not turn every moment to the best advantage, as one must necessarily do in so large a school. She certainly merited praise for the effort put forth.

District No. 3—"Ponset."—In this school Miss Euphrasia Walkley was employed, both winter and summer. This school was very small, averaging only 10 3-10 in the winter and 6 67-70 in the summer. Miss Walkley sustained good order and fair progress during both terms.

District No. 4—"Shailerville."—Under the care of Mr. Bezaleel Shailer in the winter. School under good discipline, considerable interest was awakened, and fair progress the result. Considering the age of the scholars, the school has not been pushed forward as far as could be desired, nor so far as their capacities should demand.

Miss Effie Walkley was the teacher in the summer—her first attempt in teaching. In general terms, we should say she lacked in adaptation for imparting instruction, and thus failed to excite interest in the school. The style of recitation was very formal, and order was not all that could be desired.

District No. 5—"Turkey Hill."—Miss Eva Dickinson taught in the winter. A very small school, very neat and attractive school room. The school showed careful instruction, good discipline and satisfactory advancement. Miss Emma M. Burr was engaged here in the summer. On the part of the teacher very little energy was manifested, and the scholars seemed very indifferent, and studies but imperfectly understood.

District No. 6—"Candlewood Hill."—This school was under the care of Miss Eleanor J. Knowles the entire year. Miss Knowles carried into this school considerable experience and a good established reputation. This she maintained well, and under her charge the school generally made good progress. On the part of some of the small scholars especially, very superior advancement was shown. The school house here is far below

the average of the town, both in external and internal appearance. It is to be hoped the liberality of the district will to a degree center here, and a much more attractive school room be the result.

District No. 7—"Tylerville."—In this district a short fall term was sustained, under the care of Miss Sarah A. Peck. She found this school in a very low state, and very generously came to the rescue. Under her care, the school seemed animated to new life and the general current started in the right direction. She was succeeded by Miss Alice A. Mack in the winter. Miss Mack added largely to the impetus already given, and at the close of the term, the school seemed gradually to have arisen from its low former standing to a fair average with many of the schools in town.

In the summer Miss Fannie Parker had charge of the school. We are sorry to report that during the summer the former interest was very materially lessened. In the recitations, though the lessons seemed well learned, yet in the style of recitation manifested but little additional thought was deduced, and a comparatively dull formality prevailed. With all respect for Miss Parker's scholarship and effort for success, she seemed poorly adapted for the position she held.

District No. 8—"Walkley Hill."—Miss Ida Hubbard was engaged in this school in the winter. She seemed well interested in her school, and thoroughly competent in all the studies. The room was found rather noisy from lip study, but all appeared deeply interested, and showed love and respect for their teacher.

Miss Melissa E. Hubbard, in the summer term, had charge of this school. For an inexperienced teacher she merited commendation. The school was small, giving her time for all her scholars, and marked advancement was the result. Scholars in this school of nine and ten years of age were found well versed in interest and decimals, and in general principles preceding these rules, in general geographical positions and outlines and in general scholarship ahead of the majority of scholars of this age throughout the town.

District No. 9—"Brainerd Hill."—Miss Mary I. Burr teacher for the winter. This is a very small school, registering only 15. The scholars for the winter were very irregular in their attendance, averaging in daily attendance only 8.1. Only six were

found it attendance at the second or spring visit, whether from want of interest or from whatever cause we were unable to decide. Reading very good, and very fair advancement. The school room here presents a very fine appearance, and is worthy of a higher grade of scholarship. A set of Outline Maps would add much to the good appearance of the room, and tend largely to the advancement of the scholars.

Miss Mary Dickinson was employed here in the summer. The oldest scholars in arithmetic advanced to decimals and in geography to the Southern States. Good attention was shown, and very fine order, though only six were in attendance during our stay there.

District No. 10—"Little City."—Miss Ella Burr, teacher in winter. A decidedly backward school, considering the age of the older classes. Their interest seemed very limited, and their advancement very slow. Reading was poorly conducted, and a want of good order plainly manifest.

Miss Estella I. Burr taught this school in the summer. This was her first attempt as a teacher. During the summer the school was very small, but an increased interest was shown by those present. The style of recitation was productive of improvement, and a good system of government prevailed.

District No. 11—"Beaver Meadow."—No school in this district.

District No. 12—"Burr District."—This school, under the care of Miss Hattie Brainerd in the winter, presented a very fine appearance. All the classes seemed ambitious to excel, and an air of good lively interest seemed to pervade throughout the school room. The higher classes are especially commended for practical understanding in all their studies.

The summer school, composed mostly of the second classes of the winter, under the care of Miss Eva Dickinson fully maintained their good reputation, and gave satisfactory evidence of careful attention on the part of both teacher and scholar.

District No. 13—"Higganum East."—Miss Emma Price teacher in winter. Miss Price showed enthusiasm and earnestness in her work, and the school seemed to appreciate this and mutually aid in effort for success. On the part of the school, a feeling of strong attachment for their teacher prevailed, adding largely to their mutual interest and enjoyment. If any thing more

seemed desirable, it was a more decided action and firmer stand on the teacher's part, in opposing the many little grievances that unavoidably arise to mar the happiness of every teacher.

Miss Alice L. Kelsey was employed for this school in the summer. She seemed earnestly engaged in her work, good order prevailed generally, and we doubt not we express the general public expression in saying her labors were rewarded by a fair degree of success.

District No. 14—"Haddam Neck."—This school as a whole stood in the front rank compared with the schools in our town. No school showed better material for experience to labor with or promise of better success. Miss Hattie B. Brainerd, the teacher for the entire year, entered upon her labors apparently desirous and anxious to do all she was able to do to merit success. The school, though quite large, was well classified and style of recitation well adapted to insure interest and improvement. During the summer term a laxity of discipline tended slightly to detract from the good appearance of the school, but the examination in their several studies prove that their united labor had been met by a corresponding advancement.

ENUMERATION FOR JAN. 1st, 1874.

| No. of Dist. | Name of District. | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Haddam Center, | 90 |
| 2 | Higganum West, | 92 |
| 3 | Ponset, | 16 |
| 4 | Shallerville, | 44 |
| 5 | Turkey Hill, | 17 |
| 6 | Candlewood Hill, | 28 |
| 7 | Tylerville, | 35 |
| 8 | Walkley Hill, | 21 |
| 9 | Brainerd Hill, | 24 |
| 10 | Little City, | 16 |
| 11 | Beaver Meadow, | None. |
| 12 | Burr District, | 24 |
| 13 | Higganum East, | 19 |
| 14 | Haddam Neck, | 42 |
| | Center of Chatham and Haddam, | 5 |
| | Pine Brook, Haddam, | 9 |

FINANCES FOR 1874.

| No. of District. | Name of District. | Committee. | Receipts. | | Expenses. | | | School Building. | |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|
| | | | Town Treasury. | District Tax, &c. | Total. | Teachers' Wages. | Fuel and Sundries. | | Total. |
| 1 | Haddam Center, | M. C. Hazen, | \$421.15 | \$333.00 | \$754.15 | \$488.00 | \$40.00 | \$528.00 | Good. |
| 2 | Higganum West, | H. H. Brainerd, | 341.50 | | 341.50 | 288.00 | 26.90 | 314.90 | Good. |
| 3 | Ponset, | Robert Brainerd, | 203.76 | | 203.76 | 166.00 | 16.00 | 182.00 | Poor. |
| 4 | Shailerville, | Bezaleel Shailer, | 260.34 | | 260.34 | 216.00 | 16.00 | 232.00 | Medium. |
| 5 | Turkey Hill, | Nathaniel Tyler, | 203.98 | | 203.98 | 130.00 | 15.00 | 145.00 | Good. |
| 6 | Candlewood Hill, | C. C. Neff, | 231.56 | 57.40 | 288.96 | 271.50 | 17.46 | 288.96 | Poor. |
| 7 | Tylerville, | Elias Gilbert, | 258.20 | | 258.20 | 235.00 | 20.72 | 255.72 | Medium. |
| 8 | Walkley Hill, | C. J. Treat, | 214.94 | | 214.94 | 202.92 | 12.00 | 214.92 | Medium. |
| 9 | Brainerd Hill, | G. H. Burr, | 205.61 | 110.00 | 315.67 | 185.50 | 125.71 | 311.21 | Good. |
| 10 | Little City, | E. Tibbals, | 203.75 | | 203.75 | 178.00 | 18.00 | 196.00 | Medium. |
| 11 | Beaver Meadow, | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Burr District, | Noah Wilcox, | 230.62 | | 230.62 | 240.00 | 11.60 | 251.60 | Good. |
| 13 | Higganum East, | R. B. Clark, | 214.46 | | 214.46 | 211.00 | 20.15 | 231.15 | Medium. |
| 14 | Haddam Neck, | H. S. Russell, | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 260.00 | 39.37 | 299.37 | Medium. |

REGISTRATION AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL, 1874.

| No. of District. | Name. | Registered. | | | | Av. Attendance. | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------|------|---------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| | | Fall. | Wint. | Sum. | Ov'r16. | Fall. | Winter. | Sum'r. |
| 1 | Haddam Center, | 36 | | 53 | | 33 | 42.775 | 32 |
| 2 | Higganum West, | | 75 | 56 | 1 | | 37.93 | 29.025 |
| 3 | Ponset, | | 16 | 13 | | | 10.3 | 6.95 |
| 4 | Shailerville, | | 33 | 28 | | | 21 | 18.546 |
| 5 | Turkey Hill, | | 10 | 7 | 2 | | 6.35 | 5.625 |
| 6 | Candlewood Hill, | | 29 | 21 | 2 | | 19 | 13 |
| 7 | Tylerville, | 29 | 28 | 22 | 2 | 24.75 | 22 | 14 |
| 8 | Walkley Hill, | | 21 | 15 | 2 | | 15 | 8 |
| 9 | Brainerd Hill, | | 15 | 15 | | | 8.10 | 10.03 |
| 10 | Little City, | | 16 | 12 | 3 | | 12 | 7.00 |
| 11 | Beaver Meadow, | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Burr District, | | 27 | 17 | 4 | | 21 | 9 |
| 13 | Higganum East, | | 17 | 21 | | | 14 | 15 |
| 14 | Haddam Neck, | | 40 | 33 | 5 | | 32 | 26 |

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR 1874.

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| Whole number of scholars enumerated January 1, 1874, | 483 |
| Whole number of scholars registered during year, | 394 |
| Ratio of number registered to number enumerated, | 81 per cent. |
| Amount appropriated in several Districts, 1874, . . . | \$3,190.00 |
| Amount from School Fund, West side of River, divided according to enumeration of 1874, | 99.66 |
| Entire appropriation, | \$3,289.66 |
| Amount expended for Teachers' Wages, as returned by the several Committees' Reports, | \$3,071.92 |
| Amount expended for Incidental expenses, exclusive of repairs, &c., | 257.71 |
| Total expenditures, exclusive of repairs, | \$3,329.63 |

Most respectfully submitted,

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